From The Alumni President ———

Preserving A Tradition:

Delta Upsilon Should Remain At Key Beacon Street Location

The Technology Delta Upsilon Association was incorporated under the general laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on November 12, 1906. On April 11, 1916, the association formally took ownership of the property at 526 Beacon Street. I have personally been involved in two major renovations, one in 1960 led by Tom Faulhaber, and then the most recent one in 1989. How many DUs have lived in the house over the years? A query to the Alumni Directory returned 766 names!

Over the past 10 years the fraternities at MIT have come under a variety of new pressures, both from society and from the institute. Looming large on our horizon is the move of all freshmen onto campus starting next fall. I have worried about the viability of MIT fraternities in Boston, and I have considered carefully whether it might be prudent to join the group of six houses that intend to move into new housing on campus. Now my mind is made up. We should work to stay where we are, thus building on a long tradition at 526 Beacon Street.

A key factor is our prime location—so close to the Massachusetts Avenue Bridge and in a cluster of four fraternities including Theta Chi (528), Phi Kappa Sigma (530), and Sigma Chi (532), plus Sigma Phi Epsilon (518 and 513). But what if one of the neighboring operations were to fail and the property were to be sold for development? One shudders to think of the potential problems this might raise. Therefore, it is clear that we should work together with our neighboring fraternities to keep all four operations running strong. I have begun working toward this goal. Our first major accomplishment was a joint contract to have the fire escapes for all four houses repaired and certified together. The main progress on this project came at a lunch I hosted at the Harvard Faculty Club. (Isn’t it amazing what a bottle of Brother Stare’s Dry Creek Fume Blanc can accomplish?) The undergraduates have organized a joint barbecue for Campus Preview Weekend. The goal is to attract some prospective freshmen across the river and to expose them to the appeal of living in Boston. I welcome your suggestions for other ways that we can cultivate a culture of collaboration.

Dave Latham ’61
Alumni President

From The Chapter President ———

Brothers Confident About Facing New Challenges Ahead At MIT

The brothers of Delta Upsilon looked forward to new challenges as we entered the second semester of the 2001-2002 academic year. Next year’s rush brings with it historic changes, most notably the housing of all freshmen on campus. We are confident, however, that we will continue to thrive. Our pledge program has successfully initiated all pledges for the past five years. This accomplishment, unmatched by any other house on campus, demonstrates the tight bonds formed among brothers starting with their first steps into the house.

We have recently created the new house office of historian. He is responsible for maintaining a digital picture archive so that each house retreat, party, and rush event can be documented. Eventually, the archive will be made available for all alumni to see. I look forward to informing everyone when Brother Huh has it up and running.

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Brothers Lead The Way In Variety Of Sports At MIT

It has been yet another fine year for DU athletics. Whether it was triumphing on the intramural fields or leading MIT’s varsity teams to victory, the DU brothers have once again confirmed their athletic domination.

The varsity water polo team was, as always, led by DU brothers. James Brady ’03 and Peter VanBuskirk ’04 were both named captains for the upcoming 2002 season. In addition, Peter and James both earned second team All-American honors this year. Their individual accolades capped off another great year for the team, which made it to the D3 national championships and took second place in the nation. DU placed two freshmen on the starting squad this year with Dan Jacobs and Dave Lohrey providing a spark to the team. Also returning to the team from last year was Nate Vantzelde ’04 and Shang Chou, who suffered a strained tibia and unfortunately had to sit the season out while in rehab.

DU continued its dominance on the soccer field as well. Sophomore Nick Nestle earned team MVP honors and first team All NEWMAC for the second year in a row. Nick will be the team captain next year. The soccer team, which also included sophomore midfielders Doug Allaire and Cory Mclean and freshman Josh Walton, had a great year. It finished with a school record of 10-5-2 and made it to the finals of the NEWMAC tournament for the first time. Considering the team’s youth, next year should be another great one.

The spring term promises to be just as successful for the DU athletes. Nate Vantzelde ’04 will be joined by freshmen Dan Jacobs and Dave Lohrey on the varsity swim team. Doug Allaire ’04 will take his spot on the mound as MIT’s top starting pitcher for the second year in a row. In addition, six brothers will be leading the varsity lacrosse team this year: Scott Mahar ’03, Jon Jackson ’03, Justin Raveche ’03, Geoff Ebeling ’04, Cory Mclean ’04, and Carter Powers ’05.

Another point to note is that DU will be trying to extend its three-year winning streak in intramural foosball. The Ducks have not lost a match since foosball was added as an IM sport in 1999. So while the faces of the brotherhood change every year with the introduction of a new pledge class, it is clear that DU’s strong tradition in athletics never fades.

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Our house has always excelled at promoting friendship. Recently, a strong emphasis has been placed on diffusion of liberal culture. Ben Powers, last term’s critic, started an e-mail discussion list, edumacation@mit.edu (contact beals@mit.edu to join the list). Through this forum, we have discussed many topics including the value of education, girlfriends, school, fraternities, religion, and sensitivity. These discussions offered brothers a chance to understand one another’s viewpoints and deal with issues that don’t normally come up in daily conversation.

DU brothers continue to excel in their careers at MIT and beyond. Multiple brothers attained perfect 5.0 GPAs last term. As of press time, Mike McDonlad had reached the final round of the Fulbright Scholarship considerations and was anxiously waiting to see if he would study economics in Sweden. Chris Kelly and Scott Hansen are both heading to New York City next year to work in the finance industry, at Merrill Lynch and Bank of America respectively. Some members of the junior class, hoping to follow in their footsteps, have accepted summer internships at UBS Warburg and Goldman Sachs. Other juniors have begun to interview with Bain & Co., the career springboard for brothers such as Chris Ebeling ’01, Blair Dunn ’00, Tim Zue ’99, Matt Lozow ’99, and many others. Many brothers are also involved with research at MIT. Colin Galbraith ’03 researching transgenic mice at the Center for Learning and Memory. Sam Sarcia, Ben Powers, and I work at the Media Lab’s Context Aware Computing group. Aaron Fernandes continues his work at the Artificial Intelligence Laboratory with language recognition-based search engines.

All in all, things have never been better at 526 Beacon Street.

Nick Nestle
Chapter President

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DU Brothers Never Hesitate To Give Back To Community

The brothers of Delta Upsilon have once again proved why they are among the most multifaceted students at MIT. While hefty academic loads, varsity sports, and extracurricular activities consume most of our time, DU brothers never hesitate to give back to their community by taking part in volunteer projects and fund-raisers.

Last semester, Mark Sellmyer organized the Pine Street Inn volunteer project. Mike McDonald ’02, Jon Jackson ’03, Shang Chou ’04, Dan Jacobs ’05, Carter Powers ’05, Josh Walton ’05, and I helped out. We spent all day sorting cans, serving food, and cleaning up for our community by taking part in volunteer projects and fund-raisers.

House Preps For Changes To Rush And Pledge Programs

Rush, as we now know it, has come to an end. Institute President Chuck Vest has imposed a new policy requiring freshmen to live in dorms next fall. Needless to say, rush will be undergoing some major changes. Instead of the weekend-long melee we all know and love, formal recruitment will not begin until three weeks into the semester. Then, we will have two weeks to give out bids. These bids can be accepted anytime during these two weeks.

Needless to say, the pledge program will change dramatically as well. We may need to open our minds to accept an additional class in the spring. The biggest challenge we anticipate will be getting freshmen across the river to experience DU once they have already settled into their dorms. It will require a huge amount of dedication by every brother to maintain focus and motivation when the school term is in full swing. We’ll need to be more proactive than ever by making our presence known on campus and actively seeking out men who can contribute to our brotherhood. Before freshmen get settled into life on campus, we must shed light on the differences between fraternities and dorms.

To prepare for these changes, Rush Co-Chair Nate Vantzelfde ’04, the new pledge trainer, and I have set up a committee. We meet every two or three weeks to discuss the shift we’ll face next fall. All alumni and active brothers will be notified of these meetings and are more than welcome to attend. Some issues we have discussed include teaming up with other houses on the block for an event during CPW, new recruitment events, the bidding algorithm, dues, meal plans, and non-residential bids. We may not be crazy about all the upcoming changes, but we’re excited and eager to face the challenges ahead. We are looking forward to a fantastic pledge class of 2006.

Class of 2005—

S. MICHAEL KOZUBEK ’69 writes, “The Suchows, Shults, Drabs, and Kleins gathered with us at our cottage last summer for sun, sand, and socializing on Lake Michigan. We had a great time!” Say hello to the Kozubeks at 2845A N. Wolcott Ave., Chicago, IL 60657; mkozubek@mindspring.com.

Andrea and CRAIG KESACK ’85 had their second daughter, Julia Eve, on June 30, 2001. Send best wishes to 1253 Appalachian Rd., Maple Glen, PA 19002.

Brother AARON WARNOCK ’84 and GEORGE CATHEY ’84 joined TODD MALONE ’87 last November for a two-week trek through the Anapurna Sanctuary Region of Nepal. Highlights included the fantastic views of numerous peaks and the sighting of a snow leopard. They also rode elephants looking for rhino and Bengal tigers in Chitwan National Park. With the exception of Todd’s bout with altitude sickness and flu and Aaron’s temporarily misplaced passport, it was an excellent trip. Visit Todd in San Francisco at 1360 Washington St., #4 (zip code 94109), or e-mail him at tmalone@alum.mit.edu.

ZACHARY LEE ’98 left Aerospace for the San Francisco public schools last August. He now teaches physics and ninth-grade science to kids at Balboa High School and is glad to be back in the Bay area seeing many good friends from DU. Say hi to “Ota” at 520 Lakewood Circle, Walnut Creek, CA 94598; zaco@alum.mit.edu.

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EDWARD F. DURBECK JR. ’28
November 19, 2001

2002 SENIOR PROFILES

SCOTT HANSEN
Major: MANAGEMENT SCIENCE
Home: LONG BEACH, CA
Plans: WORK FOR BANC OF AMERICA, NY

BRIAN KELLEHER RICHTER
Major: MANAGEMENT SCIENCE
Home: ARLINGTON, VA

CHRISTOPHER KELLY
Major: MATHEMATICS
Home: VALLEY STREAM, NY
Plans: WORK FOR MERRILL LYNCH

MICHAEL MCDONALD
Major: ECONOMICS
Home: PENSECOLA, FL
Plans: STUDY AS FULBRIGHT SCHOLAR IN SWEDEN

JEFF COLTON
Major: MATERIALS SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING
Home: GARDEN GROVE, CA

JOSH JACKSON
Major: MATHEMATICS AND PHYSICS

MING TAI HUH
Major: MANAGEMENT SCIENCE
Home: CHICAGO, IL

BENJAMIN POWERS
Major: MECHANICAL ENGINEERING
Home: GRAND HAVEN, MI
Plans: PRODUCT DESIGN

AARON BEALS
Major: COMPUTER SCIENCE
Home: WESTFORD, MA
Plans: MASTER’S DEGREE IN COMPUTER SCIENCE